

# Here and There With the Institutes

## More notes from Secretaries' Reports

*Editor's Note: The notes taken from Secretaries' "Reports of Meetings" and published in our last issue had to do with suggestions for programs, national and international programs and projects and historical research. A few notes on historical research crowded out of the last number will be included here, along with items on community interests, how to gain new members and general comments and suggestions.*

### Historical Research

**Stoney Creek** members at the time of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the battle of Stoney Creek added a great deal to the historical program by dressing in old-time costumes and providing exhibits of antique furnishings, clothing, books and pictures. Brochures on the history of the Women's Institute were given to visitors.

**Unionville** supplied information from its two Tweedsmuir history books to the Pennsylvania German Society of York county and to the Richmond Hill Radio Station, for a three-minute broadcast on the history of Unionville. (Institutes of York county are providing a series of radio broadcasts giving the history of various villages in the county.)

Members of the **Mary H. Graves** branch acted as guides at the Pioneer House in Thompson Park during the summer on days assigned to them by the Scarboro Historical Society.

### Community Interests

Many Institutes sponsor 4-H Homemaking Clubs. This year the **Margaret Marshall Memorial** sponsored three clubs.

In **Prince** Institute each member donated a Christmas gift to be given to a hospital patient who did not receive other gifts. **Prince of Wales** sends Christmas and birthday gifts to a patient from the community in a mental hospital.

**Desbarats** gave their school's Grade VIII students a graduation dinner and had an address by a Vocational Guidance teacher. The Institute pays all expenses of their 4-H Homemaking Club. **MacLennan** reports a "Grade VIII Party." This Institute sponsors evening coffee parties to enable teachers and parents to meet and get acquainted.

**Bowmanville** members went in a group to the opening of the School for Crippled Children in Oshawa. They observed the work with children having cerebral palsy and similar

troubles and the Institute plans to help the school as the work progresses.

**Kendal** has this unique note: "Some of us do baby sitting for young mothers so they can get out." They also helped the recreation board with barn dances to raise funds for three ball clubs in the village.

**Clavering** as part of its centennial project to "Make Canada Lovelier" has made plans to plant flowering crab apple trees at the school and the church and to promote a "clean up and paint up" movement on farms; also getting name plates for farms. Evidently this Institute uses the church kitchen for its catering for suppers and banquets. It is now renovating the kitchen "to bring it up to health standards," putting in double sinks, new counters and a hot water tank. The Institute "sponsors the local library" and bought twenty-eight new books this year. It pays rent for a ball field for the local bantam team and supports the team financially. It also has "a very active school committee."

**Rockford** provided buoy rings for safety at the local swimming place.

**Quinn** held two card parties and raised funds to buy a porto lift (a hydraulic arrangement for lifting a patient as from a bed to a chair) for a local man who had been paralyzed through an accident. The fund also provided a gift of binoculars "as he is unable to have many hobbies."

**Buritts Rapids** takes care of the swimming beach. With the proceeds from card parties they bought two second-hand sewing machines for their 4-H Homemaking Club.

**Wharnccliffe** made and purchased clothing and gifts for a needy family in the community.

Because of a discussion on safety for children in **Leitrim** Institute a cross walk was marked on the highway at the school.

**Greely Manotick Station** helped two burned-out families by having a shower for one family and dressing a child for the other.

**Hockley Valley** gave the use of their hall, free of charge, to the Hockley Valley Summer School of Arts and Crafts for four weeks. The Institute made all the noon lunches for the school for this period. (We take it of course that the students paid for these lunches, which does not lessen the Institute's help in promoting this piece of adult education in the community. Ed.) The Institute gave the same service during the school's fall week-end courses.